

READINESS ROUNDUP

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Dedicated to preparing agencies & providers for the Enterprise Invoice Management/Enterprise Service Management service



New Reader? Start Here:

Have you heard about the newest service of the Virtual Gateway? Enterprise Invoice Management and Enterprise Service Management (EIM/ESM) is available to Executive Office of Health and Human Service Purchase of Service providers. This new internet-based service provides a single point of access for maintaining contract and client information.

EIM, an enterprise-wide invoicing system, will standardize data-input and service delivery reporting. ESM—to be used only by the Department of Public Health—will focus on determining client eligibility, enrollment, and case management. **More information on the last page.**

Benefits expected of EIM/ESM include:

- Streamlined invoicing and service management
- Reduced costs and administrative burden
- Enhanced care coordination

The Departments of Public Health and Mental Health have identified targeted programs to be the first, or "pilot," users of the service.

In FY07, the Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS) anticipates that the service will be available to providers who do business with the Departments of Mental Retardation, Social Services, and possibly Youth Services.

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Welcome!



The New Year has brought an even more ambitious approach to piloting the EIM/ESM service! The Department of Public Health's Bureau of Substance Abuse Services will now be part of pilot. This addition brings the number of contracts

included in the pilot of this larger EOHHS initiative from 8 to 15.

Have questions about EIM/ESM?

Submit your questions to: POS.EIM-

ESM@massmail.state.ma.us

To permit this more robust pilot phase, our pilot start date is now April 3, 2006. On that day, pilot agencies and providers will begin using the EIM/ESM service. In July 2006, we will expand the organizations involved to include the Departments of Mental Retardation and Social Services.

We continue to use Road Show Demonstrations to build awareness of the EIM/ESM service. Demonstrations were recently conducted for representatives from Vinfen and the HIV/AIDS Bureau of the Department of Public Health.



Welcome, cont'd

- Feedback from Road Show participants cited the EIM/ESM service's:
- Availability of up-to-date information
- Capacity to provide easy access to contract data

If you are hosting a regional gathering and would like an EIM/ESM demonstration, submit a request to: POS.EIM-ESM@massmail.state.ma.us

Readiness Update



Next month, representatives from all pilot organizations will help to test the EIM/ESM service. They will run a number of "scenarios" developed to reflect real on-the-job tasks. This

will help to ensure that the EIM/ESM service is ready to support the important work of our pilot agencies and providers.

In other news, pilot organizations continue to prepare for the launch of EIM/ESM. Current activities include assembling organizational data to be uploaded in the system, logistics planning, and identifying staff who will be using the EIM/ESM service.

Focus on System Features

EIM-Payment Request for Commodity



The Enterprise Invoice Management service manages the entire payment process, including claim, SDR, and invoice submission, adjudication (review), and remittance.

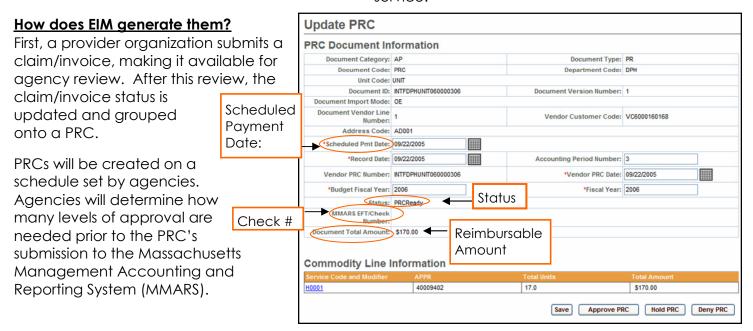
What is a Payment Request for Commodity?

A Payment Request for Commodity, or PRC, is a grouping of claims or invoices to be submitted to MMARS for payment.

The status of each claim or invoice payment can be checked by agency and provider staff at any time.

What is depicted here?

Shown below is a screen display of PRC Document Information. It displays the PRC status, the reimbursable amount, and the check number. This information can be viewed by providers. More detailed information regarding the specific program codes can be found in the Explanation of Benefits section of the continued ▶▶ service.



Focus on System Features (cont'd)

ESM-Eligibility and Enrollment



Enterprise Service Management handles all facets of client enrollment and service delivery. It will be utilized only by the Department Public Health

for pilot.

What is eligibility and enrollment?

Eligibility determination is the process of establishing whether a person qualifies to receive services provided by the State's

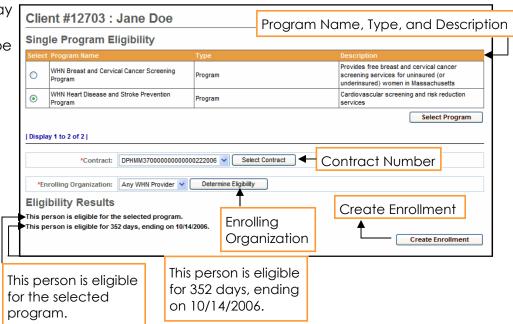
programs. An eligible person may be enrolled in a program, and become a client. Waivers can be sought for persons found ineligible.

<u>How will ESM support eligibility</u> and enrollment?

ESM ensures that eligibility and enrollment rules are uniformly applied. ESM tests applicant information against rules configured to reflect each program's eligibility standards. If the applicant is eligible, the client can be enrolled, and is added to the provider's roster of clients.

What is depicted here?

Shown below is the Single Program Eligibility screen. Here, an intake specialist selects a program for eligibility determination, the appropriate contract, and an enrolling organization. Eligibility status and the length of time eligible will immediately result. An enrollment may be immediately created for eligible persons.



Training Corner

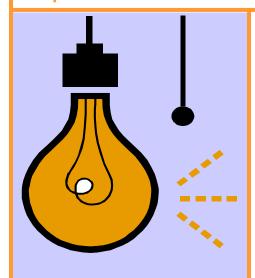


We are putting the finishing touches on our pilot training materials. This month, the Training Team will conduct dry runs of training content. Agency and EOHHS trainers will participate. Sessions will help to estimate the structure and duration of the training to be delivered.

Given the April 2006 target for the start of pilot, training of agency and provider end users is expected to occur in March. More details to come.

In the meantime, the EIM/ESM Project would like to thank the members of the Agency Training Working Group and the Provider Training Advisory Group, who have been integral to training curriculum development.

Updates and Reminders



Welcome back! We look forward to working with agency and provider staff to acquaint them with the EIM/ESM service. Upcoming venues include:

- Department of Mental Retardation Demonstration: Tuesday, January 24 and 27th
- Department of Mental Health Demonstration: Tuesday, January 24th
- EI Providers' Workshop: Friday, January 27th, 9:30 am-3:00 pm, Worcester (Holiday Inn)
- BSAS Western Regional Meeting: Wednesday,
 February 15th, 9:30 am-Noon, Springfield
- BSAS Northeast Regional Meeting: Tuesday,
 February 28th, 9:30 am-Noon, Tewksbury Hospital

Look for these topics in next month's Readiness Roundup!

- Training Update
- Contract Summary and Set-up (EIM)
- Case Management (ESM)



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EIM/ESM Highlights

EIM System Features:

- Single point of access for providers to invoice
- Standardized enterprise-wide financial and service delivery reporting
- Supports efficient financial management
- Improves timeliness of payments to provider organizations

Who is involved in the April 3, 2006 EIM release?

- Department of Public Health
 - Women's Health Network and providers: Mass General Hospital, Brockton Hospital, Noble Hospital, and Franklin County Home Care
 - Bureau of Substance Abuse Services and providers: Baystate Community Services, Bay State Medical Center, Boston Public Health
 Commission, Henry Lee Willis Community Center, High Point Treatment Center, Institute for Health & Recovery, The Medical Foundation, South Middlesex Opportunity, Stanley Street Treatment Center.
 - Department of Mental Health
 - Providers: Bay Cove Human Services, Guidance Center, Inc., and Vinfen Corporation

ESM System Features

- Integrated system for DPH programs
- Encompasses all client service management functions
- Facilitates eligibility and enrollment, service coordination, and disease management
- Supports enterprise-wide reporting of service utilization, expenditure, and outcomes

Who is involved in the April 3, 2006 ESM release?

- Department of Public Health
 - Women's Health Network and providers: Mass General Hospital, Brockton Hospital, Noble Hospital, and Franklin County Home Care
 - Bureau of Substance Abuse Services and providers: (forthcoming)

